



## State helps students sharpen school skills, connect to careers this summer

Hoosiers are being encouraged to prevent summer learning loss and to sharpen their job skills as part of Learn More Indiana's **KnowHow2GO** campaign. From children starting kindergarten to returning adult learners, the state's annual summer campaign offers practical tips and resources to help students of all ages get ahead in school and prepare for college and careers.

"Whether going to school or going to work, we want to equip Hoosiers with the practical advice and specific steps they need to get ahead this summer," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "Our **KnowHow2GO** campaign has something for everyone, from summer camps and internships to college visits and career fairs."

To get more Hoosiers involved, Learn More Indiana is working with the Indiana Afterschool Network to connect families with summer learning programs in their area and partnering with <a href="Indiana">Indiana</a> Internship-matching program for students and employers.

"Summer programs provide a unique opportunity for children and youth of all ages to have exciting college-going experiences, campus visits, and real-world learning opportunities," said Indiana Afterschool Network Executive Director Debbie Zipes. "Summer and afterschool programs can provide an additional 64,800 minutes of learning to a young person's year – equivalent to the number of hours in 144 school days!"

Learn more about **KnowHow2GO** resources and events below or online at <u>KnowHow2GOIndiana.org</u>.

### **KnowHow2GO Activities**

Stay sharp this summer with activities to exercise your brain and tips for polishing your resume and job-interviewing skills. For activity ideas for kindergartners through adults, click on your age group on KnowHow2GOIndiana.org.

#### **KnowHow2GO Contests**

Learn More Indiana is sponsoring contests for students of all ages this summer. Winners will receive \$100 in an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan, a tax-free account that earns money to can cover education expenses. Entry forms can be found at <a href="mailto:KnowHow2GOIndiana.org">KnowHow2GOIndiana.org</a>.

#### **KnowHow2GO Event Calendar**

Learn more about colleges and careers by attending summer learning events in your area. Go to the "Calendar" section of the **KnowHow2GO** website at <u>KnowHow2GOIndiana.org</u>. You'll see a list of college fairs, career fairs and more, including the upcoming events listed below:

## College & Career Readiness Forum: KnowHow2GO through Afterschool

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Conner Prairie in Indianapolis.

This event will help raise awareness about the role of afterschool in college access and success plus expand college readiness opportunities for youth statewide. Stakeholders throughout the state including community leaders and groups who work with at-risk children are encouraged to attend. Contact Sara Beanblossom with the Indiana Afterschool Network at 317.920.0181 to reserve a space. Seating is limited.

## Radio Disney Family Fun Day

Saturday, June 16, 2012 from Noon to 6 p.m. at Indiana State Park's Celebration Park in Indianapolis.

At this free event for families, explore and discover how to make your children's summer both fun and educational at Learn More Indiana's KnowHow2GO booth. Join us for games and collect resources to help continue the learning at home.

#### **Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration**

Friday, July 20 to Sunday July 22 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

The **Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration** has been a pillar of the community for 42 years, serving as a chance to encourage, uplift and celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of African Americans throughout Indiana. From July 12th to 22nd, IBE will host a variety of events and networking opportunities for students, families and the community.

#### **Indiana State Fair**

Friday, August 3 to Sunday, August 19, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the State Fair Grounds in the Toyota Expo Hall in Indianapolis.

Visit Learn More Indiana's booth at the Indiana State Fair to check out games and activities for kids and learn about the state's colleges and universities. See how much fun summer learning can be with a scavenger hunt and prizes to keep students' brains and bodies active this summer.

Learn more about the campaign contests and other free resources at KnowHow2GOIndiana.org.

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## **About Learn More Indiana**

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